

non-commissioned officers of the Imperial guard, several were killed and many more made strong military escort to the fortified City of Shandong in Szechuan. They are charged with being connected with Socialist intrigues against the German Empire.

THE MURDER OF A FRENCH ENGINEER.

On October 1st, a French engineer in the service of the Szechuan Government, has been shot dead. It is thought that the outrage was committed by one of the fugitives mentioned on strike.

THE NEW FRENCH AMBASSY AT LONDON.

LONDON, 1st October.

It is believed that the Baron du Coudre will adopt a more conciliatory policy in representing French interests at the court to which he is now pledged.

THE ELECTION OF THE NEW LORD MAYOR: A JEWISH CANDIDATE.

LONDON, 2nd October.

Yesterday afternoon the election of 70 Guilds of the City of London assembled at the Guildhall for the purpose of electing two Lord Mayors for the ensuing year. The candidates were invited to give their nomination shown by signs of the various districts and boroughs during the election of Sir Joseph Round, the elected Lord Mayor, after a poll had been demanded, owing to objections entertained against Sir Joseph for his association with several companies which collapsed bringing ruin to the city.

CHOLEMIA AT CONSTANTINOPLE.

CONSTANTINOPLE, 3rd October.

Cholera has broken out here, and there have been several deaths.

GREAT SNAKES.

IN JAVA THEY HAVE SNAKES ABOUT THE SIZE OF HORSES.

For the last 10 years there have been traditions of huge snakes in the interior of Java 100 feet long and as big around as a horse-head, and our native hunters report those from time to time. Fifty years ago a man named Tait, a Bostonian, who was a party of men to explore and penetrate the interior of Java, and who was supposed to have been killed by some wild animal. He must have been a giant, for I have seen one of his guns, weighing thirty pounds and carrying two-round balls, written a correspondent of the *Philadelphia Times*:

"A year ago I was up in the English mountains, and saw a snake 100 feet long, as big as a horse-head, and it was announced that they were after the big snakes. Captain Cole was a remarkable shot, and at 400 yards would knock down, over a pursuit."

In a recent issue of the *Dawn*, a strong morning paper for fifty thousand readers, living over 100 miles inland, almost to the top of the mountain, looking out, saw a huge grey mass slanting over to ground and gave two shots. The creature did not move, so he seized the gun and took a good look. They

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In a few days they raised the heart of the most ignorant. Sixty-five feet long, more than twice as wide, and with man-eating propensities. They had with them several tongs, and one night, encamped on the river bank, one of these animals gave a tremendous snarl, and the Englishmen, looking out, saw a huge grey mass slanting over to ground and gave two shots. The creature did not move, so he seized the gun and took a good look. They

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Four shots were fired, and three went through the body of the snake. A hiss like a steam engine and the head arose twenty feet in the air, while its tail beat like a drum. Suddenly it turned, and the next moment a tremendous thud struck the earth, and the water was splashed and made for the shore, but the Englishman had fled to safety.

The skin was sent to the Royal College of Surgeons, and was exhibited at the Royal Society.

The record of such snakes over being killed before.

Never now attacked the party, and it took them three weeks to get home. They had been out three months.

PASSENGERS BOOKED FOR THE EAST, PART II.

FOR Passengers Navigating the steamer *Hawke*, Mr. Faber, Mr. Shangton Mr. and Mrs. de Savary, Mrs. Roberts, Mr. Waterfield, to Hongkong; Mr. H. B. Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Clement Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. Durie, Mr. Morton,

Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Parry, Rev. Dr. Barton, to Kobe; Mr. G. J. Young, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Fletcher, Mr. P. A. S. Robson, Mr. Wm. Richardson, Mr. C. W. Beaufort, Mr. F. H. Stuckey, Mr. H. C. Jones, Mr. Hayes, Mr. R. W. W. Pownall, Miss G. H. G. Murray, Naval Cadet, Mr. W. Bridgeman, Mr. E. S. Loring, Naval Cadet, Mr. G. T. Loring, Mr. T. Armitage, R. G. Parker, J. W. Parker, Mr. T. G. Cordeley, Miss Nathan, Miss Elliott, Master, T. Tankin, Master M. Tonkin, Miss B. Duke, Miss E. Cole, to Hongkong; Mr. G. L. Prester, Mr. J. Warren, Mr. J. H. C. Williams.

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AMERICAN SHIPPI NG.

October 1st.—Arrivals.

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2. The British str., from Hongkong.

3. The British str., from Foochow.

4. The British str., from Shantung.

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